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For: NEW SEQUENCE OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS
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Sir:

RENEWED REQUESTS FOR COMPLETELY INITIALED COPIES OF PREVIOUSLY-SUBMITTED PTO 1449 FORMS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ALL PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

The Examiner is again requested to return completely initialed copies of previously-submitted PTO 1449 Forms.

Specifically, the Examiner is requested to return an initialed copy of the attached copies of previously-filed PTO 1449 Forms. The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the attached where in the Examiner's initials are included next to the citations of EP0419182, EP0463848 and GB 2239245. Attached are a copy (2 pages) of partially initialed, signed and dated PTO 1449 Forms retrieved by the undersigned from the PTO PAIR IFW.

Also attached is a PTO 1449 Form from the PTO PAIR IFW of the parent application Serial No 08/362,455, which has been annotated by the undersigned, as evidence that EP0463848 and GB 2239245 have been considered in the parent application, and a PTO 892 Form from the PTO PAIR IFW of the parent application Serial No 08/362,455, which has been annotated by the undersigned, as evidence that EP0419182 has been considered in the parent

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application. As EP0419182, EP0463848 and GB 2239245 have been considered in the parent application, the applicants assume that pursuant to MPEP § 609 the Examiner in the present application has considered the references. The applicants desire that the references be printed on the face of the patent issuing from the present application and have therefore cited the same on the attached PTO 1449 Forms. Return of a completely initialed copy of the Forms should ensure that the references will be printed on the face of the patent.

The applicants have previously requested on July 16, 2001, March 3, 2004, December 30, 2004, March 15, 2005, July 25, 2005 and September 14, 2005, that the Examiner return completely initialed copies of the previously-filed PTO 1449 Forms .

The Examiner is further again requested to confirm receipt of all of the certified copies of the priority documents.

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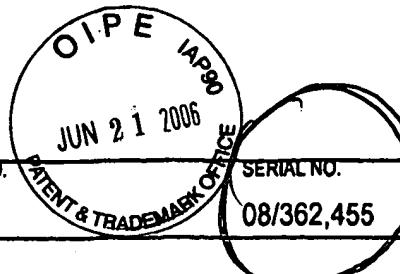
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